

December 3, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, December 11, 2001, 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of November 6, 2001 Minutes  
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3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

2. Approve Minutes of November 6, 2001 Meeting.

3. For information.

4. Transportation Manager's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG freeway program management will address issues related to the freeway Life Cycle Program.

5. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

6. Status Report on Use of Regional Videoconferencing System For Future MAG Transportation Review Committee Meetings

In February of 2001, MAG contracted with Norstan Communications, Inc. to implement a Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS) and to provide three years of service and support. Implementation is nearing completion with videoconferencing equipment installed at 28 sites. Approximately 50 site coordinators have been trained to use the equipment, and current marketing efforts are underway. MAG member agencies are encouraged to use the RVS for participating in MAG advisory committee meetings and/or for transacting other business. MAG staff will demonstrate and explain the benefits of using the RVS to the Committee. Please see Attachment One.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Recommendation of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in FY 2007 of the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend a MAG Federal Funded program for FY 2007, for

### Improvement Program.

It is currently estimated that \$38.6 million will be available in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and \$3.0 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for programming non-freeway projects in FY 2007. At the last meeting, the TRC reviewed the recommendations from modal technical advisory committees (TACs) and sent the recommendations back to the TACs for additional review. The TACs response has been as follows: Bicycle Task Force - no change (see attached Table 1A); ITS Committee - no change (see attached Table 1B); Pedestrian Working Group - no change (see attached Table 1C); Street Committee - revised recommendation attached (see Table 1D).

Using the staff recommended modal distributions, discussed at the previous meeting, and the most recent recommended lists from TACs, MAG staff have produced a draft list of projects for consideration and this is shown as Table 2. Members are requested to review these recommendations and will have the opportunity to discuss them prior to recommending a MAG Federal Funded program for FY 2007, for inclusion in the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

8. Draft Cooperatively Developed ADOT Project List for 2007

Each year, ADOT, MAG and RPTA cooperatively develop a list of projects for funding consideration for the new fifth year of the ADOT Five-Year Highway Construction Program. For 2007, it is anticipated that approximately \$247.1 million will be available for projects. This is after deducting the allocation for lump sum items and adding the bid savings

inclusion in the Draft FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

from the U.S. 60 design - build project. As requested by the TRC, the list includes projects that may be considered in future years, and a list of traffic interchange requests. Please See Attachment Three.

9. Discussion of RPTA 5307 Transit Program Funds for FY 2007

Staff from RPTA will present a list of 5307 transit projects (See Attachment Four) and discuss funding priorities for FY 2007. These projects represent RPTA's initial list of identified project needs and are for discussion purposes before the Committee, and have not yet been prioritized or ranked by RPTA.

9. For information, discussion, and possible action.

10. ADOT Proposal to Accelerate State Route 85

ADOT has proposed advancing the planned improvements on State Route 85. MAG has supported funding of the improvements on SR 85 during past funding cycles. A total of \$73.5 million has been allocated to this route over the past few years, which is a 30-mile section of SR 85 connects I-10 with I-8. The road carries significant heavy truck traffic and has experienced a number of fatal accidents over the past few years. Therefore, ADOT would like to complete all of the improvements on an accelerated basis, including projects already programmed and projects that have not yet been programmed for funding. Please see Attachment Five for a summary of projects.

10. For information, discussion and possible action.

11. TRC Meeting Schedule for 2002

11. For information.

Attached (Number Six) is the schedule of TRC meetings for FY 2002.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next TRC Meeting will be scheduled for January 29, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.